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Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [411]

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Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [413]

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half Year ending 31st December, last, the sum of ONE POUND FIVE SHILLINGS STEELING per Share of \$125 is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 15th February current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [414]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 14 Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the Half Year ending 31st December, last, and of approving the proposed purchase of Hong-Ham Island Lots Nos. 171 and 172 and of the proposed extension to Kowloon Marine Lot No. 27 and to Harbor Marine Lot No. 1 on terms to be stated.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

THOS. I. MOSE, Secretary. Hongkong, 2nd February, 1897. [415]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 33 and 34, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd inst., at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 22nd inst., both days inclusive.

By Order, HART BUCK, Secretary. Hongkong, 11th February, 1897. [416]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 4, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock (Noon), on TUESDAY, the 23rd February, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order, EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary. Hongkong, 9th February, 1897. [417]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 2nd Floor, Street, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1897, at 12.30 of the clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

J. ARBINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 20th January, 1897. [418]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on SATURDAY, the 27th February, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1896, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matters that may be brought forward for the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, O. MOONEY, Secretary. Hongkong, 6th February, 1897. [419]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 4315, dated 8th April, 1895, for Eight Shares, Nos. 8088, 8019 and 12,704/12,709, in this Company, bearing the name of THE RIGHT REVEREND DOM ANTONIO JOAQUIM DE MEDeiros, BISHOP OF MACAO, as PRESIDENTE DA COMISSAO ADMINISTRATIVA DE COPE DOS PORTUGUEZES, has LOST.

Notice is hereby given that, from the date hereof, the above certificate is not forthcoming another certificate will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

By Order, G. B. L. POLLIN, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [420]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1897.

TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) and FRIDAY, the 17th, 18th, and 19th February.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd. Price \$5 for the Meeting.

Tickets for the Day may be purchased at the Gate, Price \$5 each.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [421]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 17th, 18th, and 19th inst.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [422]

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the RACES during the Race Days, viz. 17th, 18th, and 19th inst.

Applications for tickets to the Enclosure will be received at the Undermentioned Office.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [423]

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Hongkong, 11th January, 1897. [427]

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SATURDAY, February 20th.

PARTICULARS later. BERT WILLISON. Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [429]

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1897.

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BIRTH.

On the 15th inst., of No. 2, Bellios Terrace, the
wife of Capt. J. F. Messers, of a son.

On the 15th February, 1897, at Wallingford,
Perks, Ruth Alice, daughter of Sir John W. and
Lady Carrington, aged 12 years and 10 months.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 17th, 1897.

It is with much satisfaction that we are
to-day enabled to announce the early open-
ing of the West River. The agreement has
at last been signed and is to come into
operation on the 1st June next. It is now
nearly a year since it was officially stated
that the river was to be opened, but that the
actual opening was to await the conclusion of
an agreement with reference to the Yunnan
frontier. Presumably that is the agreement
that has now been arrived at, and when its
terms are made public it may perhaps be
found that other matters of interest to Hong-
kong, as well as the opening of the West
River, have been satisfactorily settled. We
hope that such may be the case, but we are
for the moment concerned only with the
West River. Full particulars of the agree-
ment are not yet to hand, but it is
known that Wuchow and another port,
probably Shuiching, are to be opened to
foreign trade and that four other places
are to be ports of call. As is well known,
suitable steamers are held in readiness for
the trade and will be placed on the run as
soon as the formal opening is announced.
Perhaps the traffic may not assume large
proportions with a rush, but ultimately a
large increase of trade is inevitable, more
especially now that goods arriving at
the head of steam navigation can be
sent further inland under the protection
of transit passes. The opening up of
this new field will contribute largely
to the prosperity of Hongkong and the
event is one on which we may all con-
gratulate ourselves.

If Mr. Lowder's preferring a charge of
murder against Miss Jacob appeared extra-
ordinary in the manner in which he has with-
drawn the charge is still more so. When
the charge was made in the first instance
the mystery of an intimate murder case was
being unravelled. Mr. Lowder, who was
acting as counsel for the person subsequently
proved to be the murderer, set up the de-

fence, which was practically abandoned
before the close of the trial, that the crime
had been committed by another. The de-
fence, though unusual, is not unprecedented,
and we believe there are cases on record in
which it has succeeded, but it is generally
recognised as a hazardous line to adopt. What
is unprecedented, however, is if we are not
much mistaken, is that counsel setting up
such a defence should go out of his way to
lay an information in his own name against
the party on whom he seeks to throw the
guilt. His business is to secure the acquittal
of his client, if he can, and leave the law to
be set in motion by the responsible officers
as regards any other parties who may be
supposed to be implicated. Mr. Lowder,
however, lodged an information "as a mem-
ber of the community" to use his own
words, against Miss Jacob. Had he not been
engaged in the defence of Mrs. CAREW,
he would not have felt called upon to
interfere in the matter, and that it was
his professional connection with the case that
stirred his interest "as a member of the

"community" to such an extent as to induce
him to make a formal charge against Miss
JACOB. In the discussion that ensued
on his application for the withdrawal
of the charge he repudiated the sugges-
tion that the charge when made was
false to his knowledge. That repudia-
tion must of course be accepted unreservedly
in so far as it means that Mr. LOWDER at
the time was not convinced in his own mind
that there was no possibility of Miss JACOB
being proved guilty; but on the other hand
he had no evidence in support of the charge
that could have satisfied any impartial man
as reasonable and probable; he acted, ap-
parently, merely on a theory that he was
endeavouring to elaborate for the defence
of another party accused. That he believed
in his theory as a theory there is no occasion
to doubt, but a theory is a very different
thing from proof and in itself affords no
justification for such a serious step as the
bringing of a criminal charge.

Taking, however, the most favourable view
of Mr. LOWDER's conduct, and setting down
his action in bringing the charge against
Miss JACOB as simply an unfortunate mis-
take, what is to be said of his attitude
towards the unfortunate victim of his mistake
when he was compelled to withdraw the
charge against her? If the charge was not
false to his knowledge at the time it was
preferred it had certainly become false to
his knowledge during the trial of Mrs.
CAREW. The verdict against the latter was
founded on the strongest possible evidence
of a circumstantial nature, but even if it is
assumed for the sake of argument that it was
erroneous there could still be no possible
ground for entertaining the shadow of a
suspicion that Miss JACOB was responsible
for the death of the late Mrs. CAREW. Either
murder was committed by Mrs. CAREW, as
has been proved to the satisfaction of a jury,
or it was a case of death through misadventure
or suicide. The charge against Miss JACOB
was therefore false to Mr. LOWDER's
knowledge at the time he was compelled
to withdraw it. It was withdrawn, however,
to use Mr. SOMMER's words, "coldly,
"formally, and without one word of regret."

Not only that, but Mr. LOWDER's actual
words might even be taken to indicate a
desire to leave a stigma of suspicion
attaching to Miss JACOB. Having stated
that he had arrived at the decision to
withdraw the charge in consequence of the
withdrawal of his evidence by one witness
and the failure of another under cross-
examination, thus leaving him with the
statements of two Japanese maid-servants
only, who turned out to be cousins, and who
were in the pay of Mrs. CAREW, to establish
a point which he considered of vital impor-
tance to the success of the prosecution,
namely, that the relations that had existed
between the accused and the deceased were
such as to make it probable that she knew
of ANNE LUK, he added—"By the
"weakening of that link the chain of evi-
"dence connecting the accused with the
"charge became so attenuated that I deter-
"mined to proceed no further with it."

Attenuated indeed! The term necessarily
means that the evidence, though too thin
for strict legal proof, still exists and is
strong enough to carry suspicion. It was
Mr. LOWDER's duty as a man of honour
to have withdrawn the charge wholly
and unreservedly. He might have said
that explanation he thought fit as to
his reasons for bringing the charge in the
first instance, but in withdrawing it he
was morally called upon to declare that
he now recognised it to be entirely un-
founded, not merely that the evidence in
support of it was attenuated. Further, any
man of right feeling would, we think, have
expressed regret for the suffering and injury
his mistake had caused. The *Japan Gazette*
suggests that in view of rumours which of
late have been freely circulated of a possible
action for damages by Miss JACOB, Mr.
LOWDER felt that it would be wise not to
go beyond the mere withdrawal and to
avoid anything which savoured of an
apology for what he deemed a right and
proper act. Our contemporary says that
even then it was bad policy; an opinion in
which we entirely concur. We regard it
indeed as a much more serious matter than
a question of policy, for Mr. LOWDER has
placed himself in the wrong on one of the
most elementary principles of ethics. It
may be that while observing an excessive
caution in open court Mr. LOWDER has
some scheme in his own mind for making
reparation to the victim of his mistake; we
hope it may be so; but nothing can excuse
his neglect to make the fullest possible
retraction of the charge at the earliest
possible moment.

There is a good deal in the proceedings
against Miss JACOB, apart from Mr.
LOWDER's share in them, that is open to
adverse comment. To quote the *Japan
Gazette*—"The Order in Council states
that 'where the urgency of the case so
requires' a warrant may be issued and
"executed on a Sunday, but if there was
"any such urgency for arresting Miss
"JACOB on that day and compelling her to
"appear in court on a Sunday, it is not
"to be supposed that the urgency was
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE "PRUSSIAN."

THE above-named steamer, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
Optional cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon.
No Claims will be admitted for goods which have left the Steamer and Goods remaining undischarged after the 20th instant will be subject to suit.
All broken, stained, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at 3 p.m.
All Claims must reach us before the 20th instant, or they will not be considered.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [7]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BOMBAY."
FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo from the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Wanchai, where such consignees will be served on Monday next, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.
Goods not cleared by the 19th inst., at 4 a.m., will be subject to the duties of a warehouse, and will be affected by no in any case whatsoever.
All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage, signed from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognized.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [11]

FROM SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, VIA

YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SAKURA MARU."

Having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their goods on or after Monday, the 17th inst., at 4 a.m., and to be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [446]

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL

CARGO, EX O. S. S. CO.'S S.S.

"PATROCLUS."

FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the

Undersigned not later than the 17th inst. for shipment per steamer "PATROCLUS."

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [346]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT.)

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, AND

BOMBAY.

(Calling at Port of Call on the home ward voyage.)

THE Company's Steamship

"MIKE MARU."

Captain P. H. Goring will be despatched as

above TO-YAY, the 17th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [206]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS,

CAIRO, SUEZ, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA,

PORT AUFRANCE, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA

PORTS.

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDAUX,

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA.

At Noon, the Company's Steamship

"NATAL," Captain Chevalier, with

Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will

leave this Port for MARSEILLE, via

Port of all WITHOUT TRANSIT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London

as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in

transit, through Marseilles for the principal

ports of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m.

Specie and Passengers until 3 p.m. on the 16th

inst. (Passes must be sent on board, and

must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Com-

pany's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1897. [12]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOI, AND

FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN."

Captain Birch, will be despatched for the above

ports TO-MORROW, the 18th inst., at

DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1897. [457]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN."

Captain L. Nelson will be despatched as

above TO-MORROW, the 18th inst., at Noon.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVI-
GATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration.)

MONMOUTHSHIRE, Wednesday, 17th Feb.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED

STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE "MONMOUTHSHIRE"

will be despatched hence for VICTORIA,

B. C., PORTLAND, OREGON, the

KOBE and YOKOHAMA, TO-DAY (WED-

NESDAY) the 17th inst.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States

Points should be sent forward by the Steamer

to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT,

Oregon Railway Navigation Co., Portland,

Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and

Freight, apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1897. [248]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

TRANS-PACIFIC LINE.

(MONTHLY SERVICE.)

FOR SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, VIA

MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, AND

HONOLULU.

(Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of

Lading issued for the principal ports in the

UNITED STATES, CANADA, and EUROPE, in

connection with the Great Northern Railway

and Atlantic Steamers.)

THE Company's Steamship

"SAKURA MARU."

Captain Brady, will be despatched as above

TO-MORROW, the 18th inst., at Noon.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United

States Points must be in Quadruplicate, and

one Copy should be mailed in the care of

the Freight Agent, Great Northern Railway,

Seattle, Wash., by the same steamer.

For further Particulars as to Freight or

Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [445]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE, AND

YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"SIKH."

Captain Rowley, will be despatched as above

on or about TO-MORROW, the 18th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1897. [421]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND

PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU."

Captain James, will be despatched on FRIDAY,

the 19th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

The attention of Passengers is directed to

the Superior Accommodation offered by this

Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated for-

ward of the Engine Room, and is fitted with

the most complete and comfortable arrange-

ments for the supply of Fresh Provisions

during the entire voyage.

A daily qualified Surgeon is carried, and the

Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [393]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"KALGAN."

will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the

19th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [461]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND

CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING."

Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for

the above ports on SATURDAY, the 20th

inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [442]

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, AND

HAMBURG.

(Calling at Naples for landing Passengers if

sufficient inducement offered.)

(Taking Cargo at through rates to Antwerp,

American, Bremen, London, Oporto,

London, Liverpool, and Bremen.)

THE Steamship

"NIOBE."

Captain C. G. Pfeil, will be despatched for the

above ports on SATURDAY, the 20th inst.,

at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for

First and Second Class Passengers and carries

a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIMONSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1897. [426]

NORTHERN PACIFIC

STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD

COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of passengers is directed to

the very cheap rates offered by this Line

to the Pacific Coast and to the Interior and

throughout the United States and Canada

and to Europe.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table

Doctor and Stewardess carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK \$350.

The Railroad, travelling is second to none in

the American Continent. Magnificent scenery

of the Rocky and Cascade Mountains.

The Yellowstone National Park route.

Passengers to Europe may proceed by one of

the first class Atlantic Mail Lines.

HONGKONG TO YACOMA \$225.

Dates of Passage to other Ports on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Govern-

ment Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration.)

BRASMAH 3,601 Tuesday, Feb. 23

YACOMA 2,549 Tuesday, Mar. 2

YACOMA 3,197 Tuesday, Mar. 23

OLYMPIA 2,308 Tuesday, Apr. 13

BRASMAH 3,601 Tuesday, May 3

THE Steamship

"BRAEMAR."

Captain Porter, will be despatched as above

TO-MORROW, the 18th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1897. [411]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American Bark

"COLOMA."

Nogis, Master, will leave here for the above

port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1897. [410]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & REG.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO.
LONDON, &c.	Ravenna	Brit. str.	Denny	P. & O.
LONDON, &c.	Canter	Brit. str.	Cabitt, R.M.N.	P. & O.
LONDON, &c.	Jura	Brit. str.	Chadwick, A.N.A.	P. & O.
LONDON, &c.	Prussia	Brit. str.	Wittich	Butterfield & Swire
LONDON VIA STRAITS, &c.	Ningchow	Brit. str.	Jones	Holliday
BREMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL.	Prussia	Ger. str.	Wittich	Messageries
MARSEILLES VIA SAIGON, &c.	Natal	Brit. str.	Chittam	Messageries
VANCOUVER, Y. SHANGHAI, &c.	Empress of India	Brit. str.	Marshall, A.N.A.	Canadian Pacific R.
BRASMAH	Brasmas	Brit. str.	Porter	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
VICTORIA, B.C., &c.	Monmouthshire	Brit. str.	Porter	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI	Copala	Brit. str.	O. & C.	Shoemaker
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI	City of Rio de Janeiro	Amer. str.	P. M.	Shoemaker
SAN FRANCISCO	Smalhav	Brit. str.	Holberg	Shoemaker
SAN FRANCISCO	Falls of Dee	Brit. str.	Leck	Shoemaker
SAN FRANCISCO	Colonia	Amer. str.	Noyes	Shoemaker
NEW YORK	Benjamin Swall	Amer. sh.	Swall	Carlow
NEW YORK VIA SUZ CANAL	Suoria	Brit. str.		Dodwell
SEATTLE, WINTON, Y. MOI, &c.	Sakura Maru	Jap. str.	Drady	Nippon Yusen
SEATTLE, WINTON, Y. MOI, &c.	Yokohama Maru	Jap. ship.	Tajima	Nippon Yusen
SINGAPORE, HAVRE & HAMBURG	Niobe	Ger. str.	Pfaff	Stiemssens
SINGAPORE, PANAMA & S. BAY.	Famsang	Brit. str.	Monour	Jardine Matheson
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, & BOMBAY	Miko Maru	Jap. str.	Going	Nippon Yusen
SINGAPORE, PERANG, & CALCUTTA	Lightning	Brit. str.	Spence	Davies
SINGAPORE, YOKOHAMA & KOBÉ	Verona	Brit. str.	Peacock, E.N.B.	P. & O.
KOBÉ	Taiyuan	Brit. str.	Nelson	Butterfield & Swire
SHANGHAI	Kaiser-i-Hind	Brit. str.	Daniel	P. & O.
SHANGHAI & KOBÉ	Marin Valerio	Aust. str.	Fulker	Sandeman
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & Y. KAMA.	Sikh	Brit. str.	Rowley	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
YOKOHAMA	Kulung	Brit. str.	Outenburgh	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
YOKOHAMA	Haitan	Brit. str.	Roach	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.